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PROMOTION RELEASE

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Incident: Hit and Run Personal Injury Accident

MESSAGE

On 10-14-08 at approximately 0202 hours, Rockford Police Officers were dispatched to the 500 block of East State Street reference a hit and run accident where a subject was reported to have been run over and trapped underneath a vehicle which left the scene. Officers spoke to witnesses and were given a description of the suspect vehicle. A short time later the victim identified as Aaron M. Williams was found lying in the roadway in the 1500 block of 5th Ave. Williams was transported to a local hospital for treatment of life threatening injuries.

Traffic Investigators and Detectives from the Rockford Police Department began an investigation which resulted in the arrest of Jenise L. Peterson, a 25 year-old female of Rockford.

Petersen was charged with Failure to Report an Accident Involving Personal Injury after Leaving the Scene, Driving after Suspension and No Insurance. Petersen was lodged at the Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center. Bond has been set at \$250.000. The investigation is continuing and additional arrests are possible.

The charges against Jenise Peterson are merely accusations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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